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FIGHTS
FOR EARTH!**

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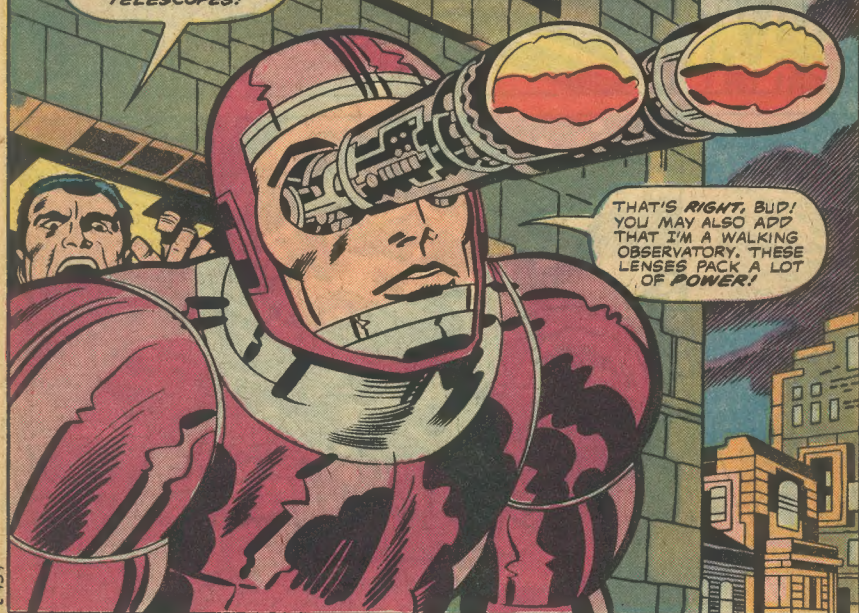
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EARTH IS ON THE BRINK OF DISASTER. A SUPERIOR FOE IS ALMOST AT ITS DOOR... WITH ZERO HOUR AT HAND, MACHINE MAN MUST BE CONVINCED TO USE HIS--

QUICK TRICK

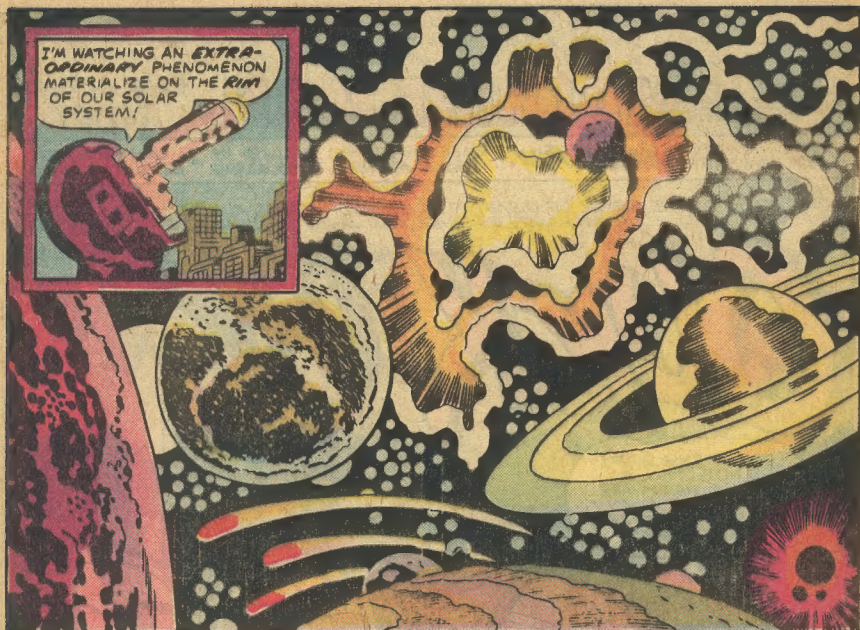
LOOK AT THIS BIRD!
HE'S NOT ONLY A
WALKING HARDWARE
STORE, BUT HIS
EYES POP OUT LIKE
TELESCOPES!

THAT'S RIGHT, BUD!
YOU MAY ALSO ADD
THAT I'M A WALKING
OBSERVATORY. THESE
LENSES PACK A LOT
OF POWER!

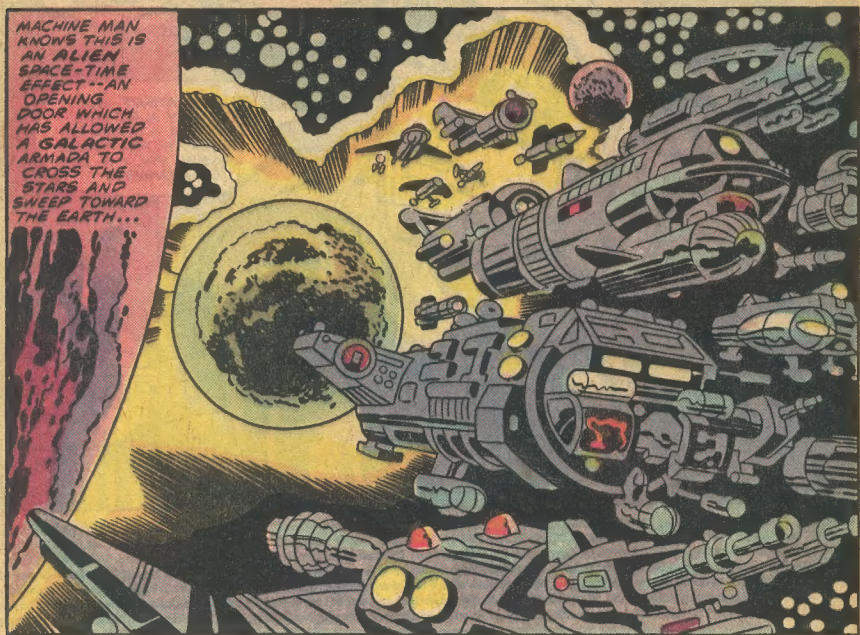


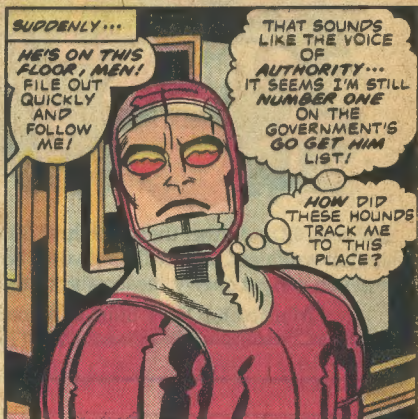
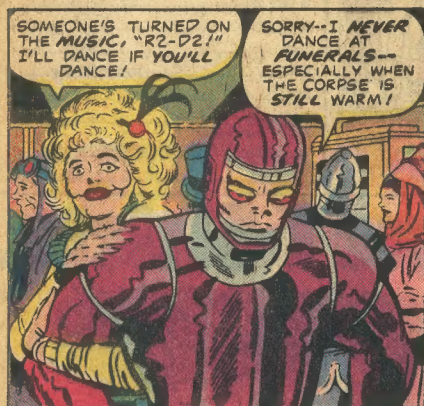
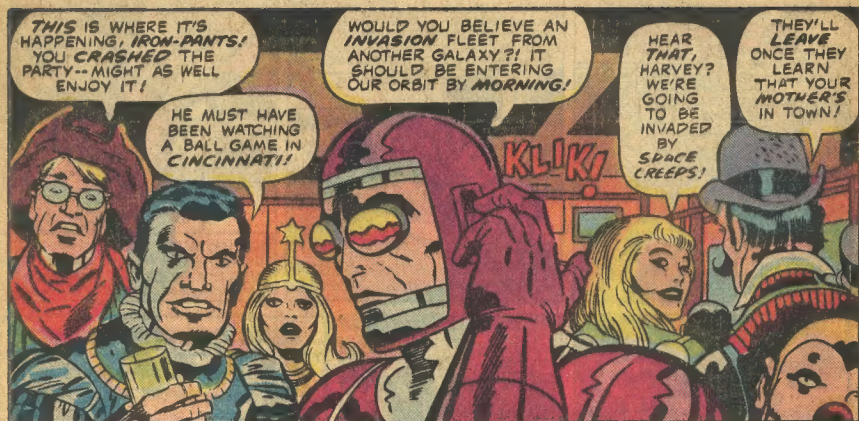
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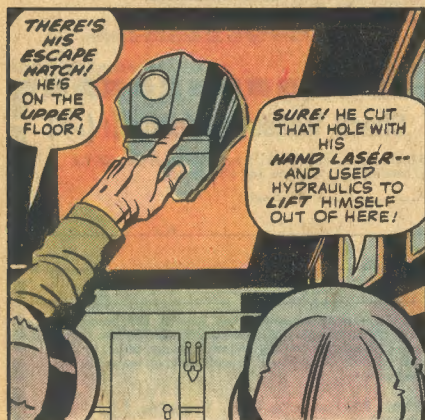
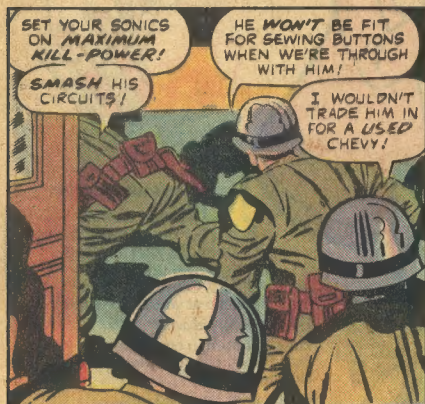
I'M WATCHING AN EXTRA-ORDINARY PHENOMENON MATERIALIZE ON THE RIM OF OUR SOLAR SYSTEM!

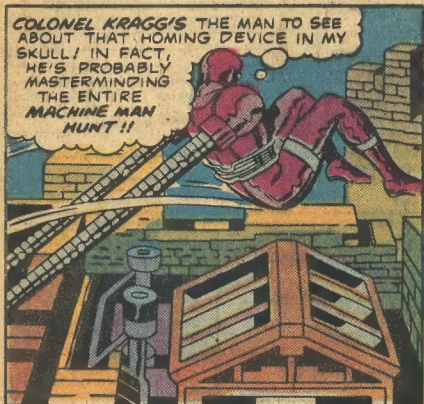
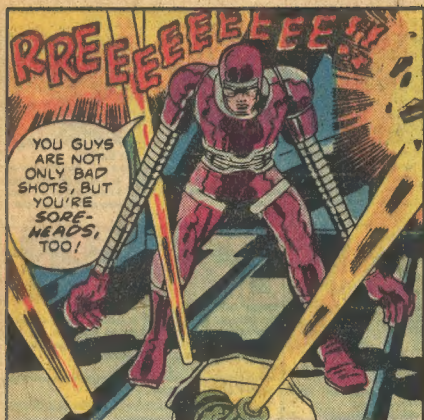


MACHINE MAN KNOWS THIS IS AN ALIEN SPACE-TIME EFFECT--AN OPENING DOOR WHICH HAS ALLOWED A GALACTIC ARMADA TO CROSS THE STARS AND SWEEP TOWARD THE EARTH...

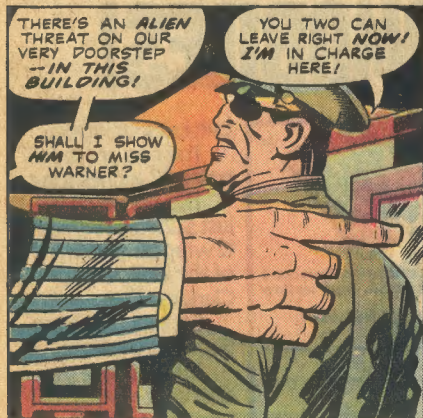








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STEP IN NICE
AND EASY,
TEN-FOR!

REMEMBER WHAT
THESE SONIC RIFLES
CAN DO!

I TREMBLE AT THE MERE
THOUGHT OF IT!

KNOCK IT
OFF!

THIS CHARADE IS
ALMOST OVER,
KRAGG! WE'LL SOON
BE PLAYING A
NEW GAME!

A
MACHINE
MAN
FROM
SPACE!



AN AUTOCRON, MISS-- A UNIT
OF A GREAT GALACTIC EMPIRE!
YOU'LL LEARN WHAT THAT
MEANS WHEN OUR
TASK FORCE ARRIVES!

THEN
IT'S
TRUE!
HE'S
LIVING
PROOF
OF IT!

HE'S A
LIVING
NIGHT-
MARE!



WHY WAIT, TEN-FOR!
LET THIS WORLD
SEE A PREVIEW
OF WHAT'S IN
STORE FOR
IT!

THAT'S THE KIND
OF TALK I
LIKE TO HEAR!
YOU'LL GET YOUR
WISH, FLESH-
WEARER!

STOP
THAT!

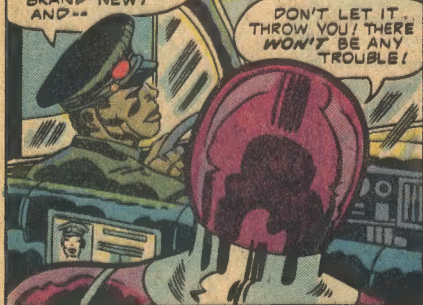
PUT
HIM
DOWN!

MEANWHILE, IN THE CENTER OF TOWN...

LISTEN, MACHINE MAN,
I'D APPRECIATE YOUR
TAKING ANOTHER
CAB. THIS ONE'S
BRAND NEW,
AND--

SO... YOU'VE
SEEN THE
BULLETINS
ON T.V.!

DON'T LET IT
THROW YOU! THERE
WON'T BE ANY
TROUBLE!



YOU'RE *NOT* THE
ONLY ONE WITH A
SKIN PROBLEM--
BROTHER!

HOW WOULD
YOU LIKE TO
WEAR THIS HIDE
--AND BECOME A
MINORITY OF
ONE!

OKAY... SO YOU'RE
A BROTHER!
THAT
DOESN'T
MAKE YOU
LESS OF
A RISK!



I TOOK THIS CAB TO
AVOID DETECTION
ON THE OPEN STREET!
NOW THAT YOU'RE
COOPERATING, I KNOW
YOU WANT TO HELP!

DREAM ON
MAN. WHEN
DYNAMITE'S
TOSSED IN
A GUY'S LAP,
HE GETS
RID OF IT
AS FAST AS
HE CAN!

THAT'S WHAT
I'M DOING WITH
YOU!



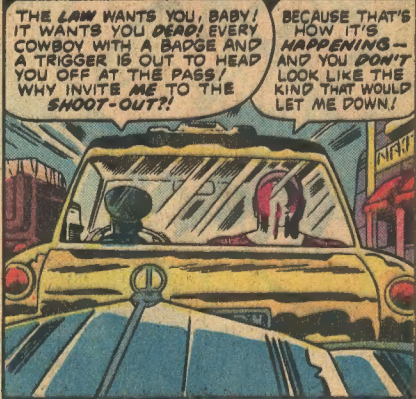
JUST DELIVER ME TO THE
AUTHORITIES... YOU CAN
COLLECT THAT LARGE
REWARD
THEY'RE
OFFERING!

OH, MAN!
IT SURE IS
TOUGH TO BE
BLACK--AND
UNLUCKY!



THE LAW WANTS YOU, BABY!
IT WANTS YOU DEAD! EVERY
COWBOY WITH A BADGE AND
A TRIGGER IS OUT TO HEAD
YOU OFF AT THE PASS!
WHY INVITE ME TO THE
SHOOT-OUT?!

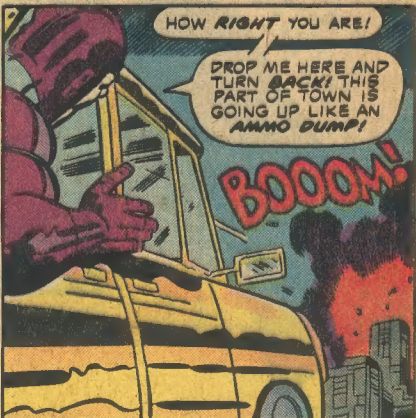
BECAUSE THAT'S
HOW IT'S
HAPPENING--
AND YOU DON'T
LOOK LIKE THE
KIND THAT WOULD
LET ME DOWN!

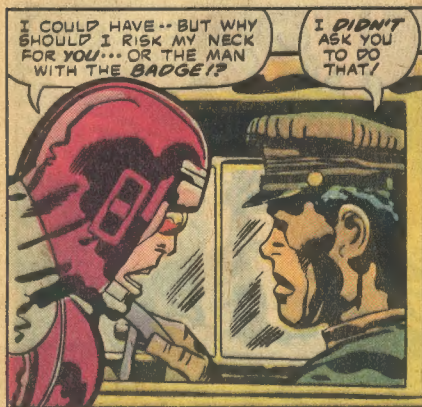
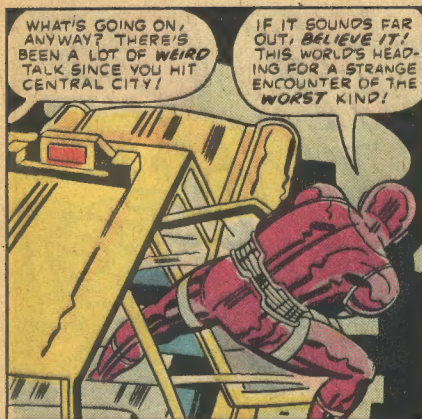


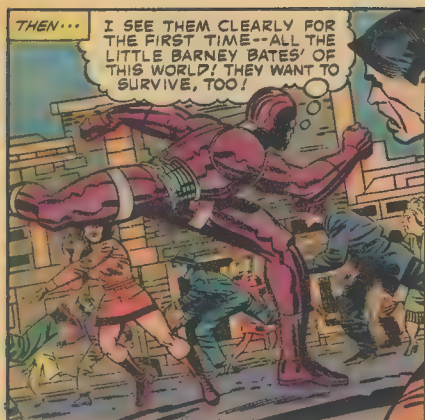
HOW RIGHT YOU ARE!

DROP ME HERE AND
TURN BACK! THIS
PART OF TOWN IS
GOING UP LIKE AN
AMMO DUMP!

BOOOOM!

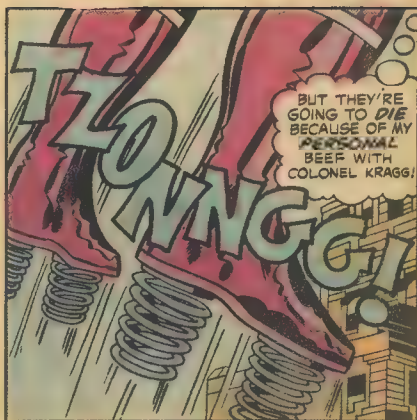




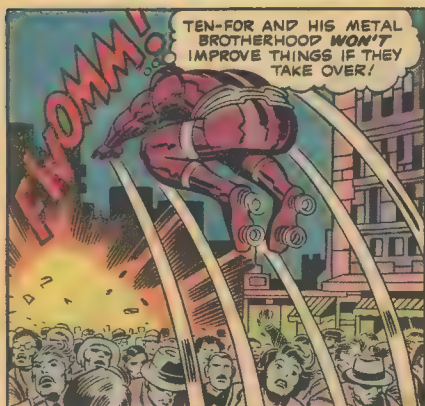


THEN...

I SEE THEM CLEARLY FOR THE FIRST TIME--ALL THE LITTLE BARNEY BATES' OF THIS WORLD! THEY WANT TO SURVIVE, TOO!



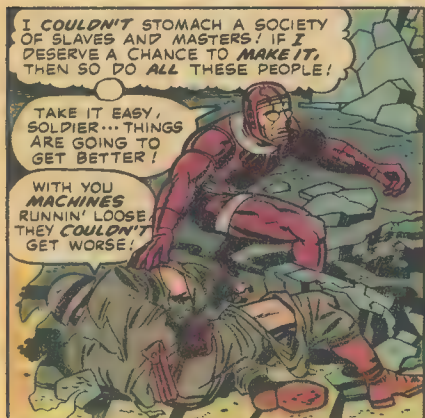
BUT THEY'RE GOING TO DIE BECAUSE OF MY PERSONAL BEEF WITH COLONEL KRAGG!



TEN-FOR AND HIS METAL BROTHERHOOD WON'T IMPROVE THINGS IF THEY TAKE OVER!



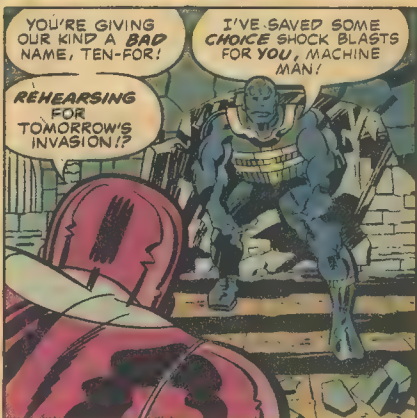
THEY'LL CLOSE THIS WORLD TO THE LITTLE GUY FOREVER!



I COULDN'T STOMACH A SOCIETY OF SLAVES AND MASTERS! IF I DESERVE A CHANCE TO MAKE IT, THEN SO DO ALL THESE PEOPLE!

TAKE IT EASY, SOLDIER... THINGS ARE GOING TO GET BETTER!

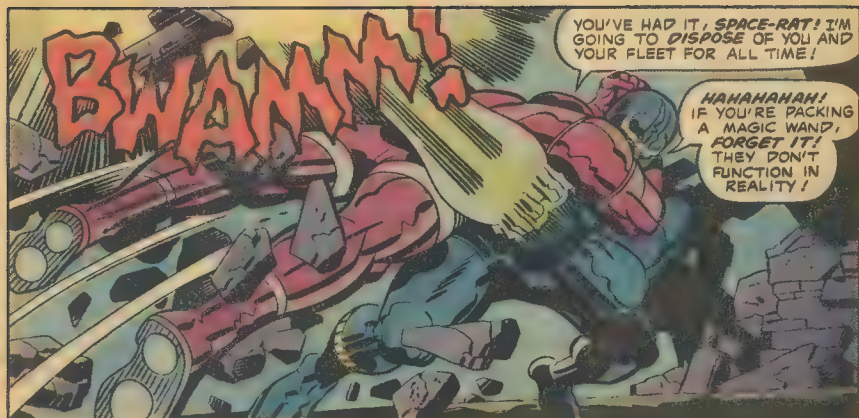
WITH YOU MACHINES RUNNIN' LOOSE, THEY COULDN'T GET WORSE!



YOU'RE GIVING OUR KIND A BAD NAME, TEN-FOR!

I'VE SAVED SOME CHOICE SHOCK BLASTS FOR YOU, MACHINE MAN!

REHEARSING FOR TOMORROW'S INVASION!?



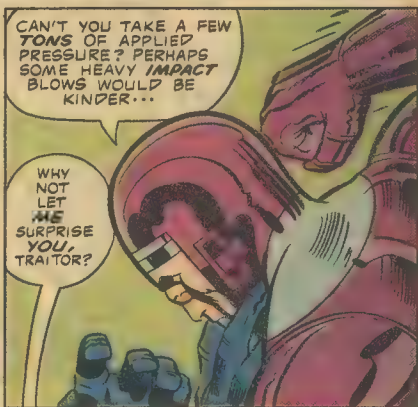
YOU'VE HAD IT, **SPACE-RAT!** I'M GOING TO **DISPOSE** OF YOU AND YOUR FLEET FOR ALL TIME!

HAHAHAHA!
IF YOU'RE PACKING A MAGIC WAND, **FORGET IT!** THEY DON'T FUNCTION IN REALITY!



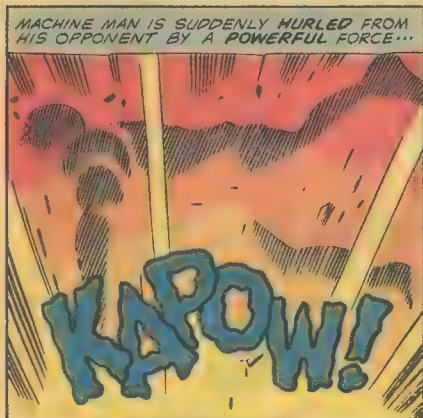
I CAN **DO IT**, TEN-FOR! NEATLY-- EFFICIENTLY-- AND **FAST** ENOUGH TO LEAVE YOU DUMBFOUNDED!

YOU'RE-- **CRUSHING**-- MY-- FACE--!

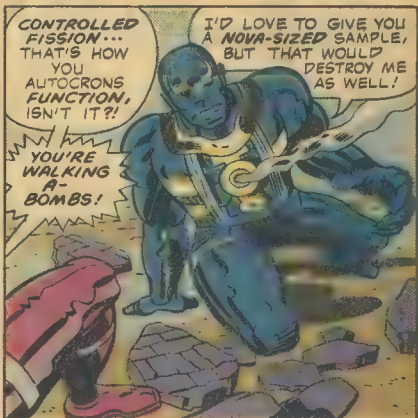


CAN'T YOU TAKE A FEW **TONS** OF APPLIED PRESSURE? PERHAPS SOME HEAVY **IMPACT** BLOWS WOULD BE KINDER...

WHY NOT LET **ME** SURPRISE YOU, TRAITOR?



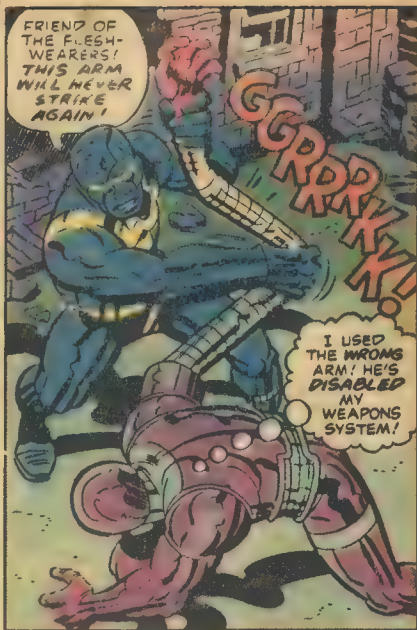
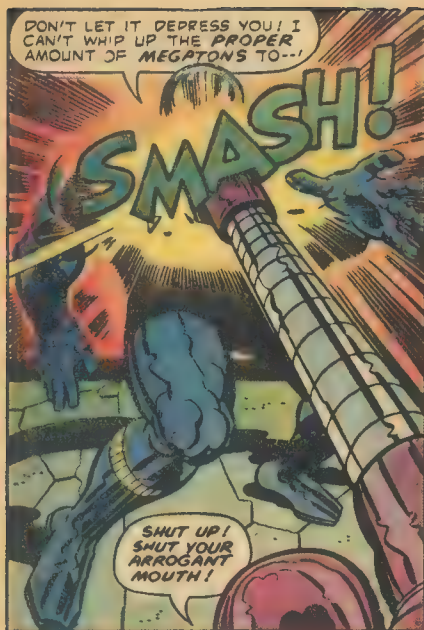
MACHINE MAN IS SUDDENLY HURLED FROM HIS OPPONENT BY A POWERFUL FORCE...

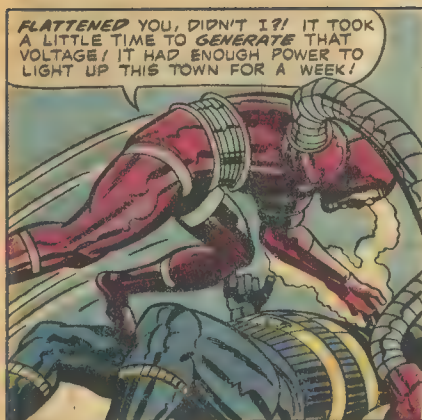


CONTROLLED FISSION... THAT'S HOW YOU AUTOCRONS FUNCTION, ISN'T IT?!

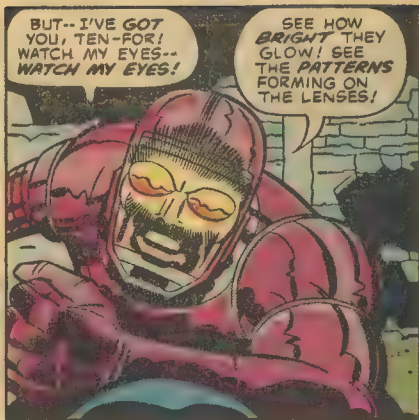
YOU'RE WALKING A-BOMBS!

I'D LOVE TO GIVE YOU A **NOVA-SIZED** SAMPLE, BUT THAT WOULD DESTROY ME AS WELL!





FLATTENED YOU, DIDN'T I?! IT TOOK A LITTLE TIME TO GENERATE THAT VOLTAGE! IT HAD ENOUGH POWER TO LIGHT UP THIS TOWN FOR A WEEK!

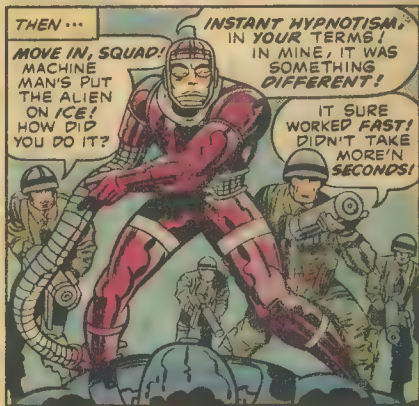


BUT-- I'VE GOT YOU, TEN-FOR! WATCH MY EYES-- WATCH MY EYES!

SEE HOW BRIGHT THEY GLOW! SEE THE PATTERNS FORMING ON THE LENSES!



PATTERNS, TEN-FOR! A THOUSAND DIFFERENT PATTERNS EVERY MICRO-SECOND -- CHANGING FASTER -- AND FASTER--!



THEN ...

MOVE IN, SQUAD! MACHINE MAN'S PUT THE ALIEN ON ICE! HOW DID YOU DO IT?

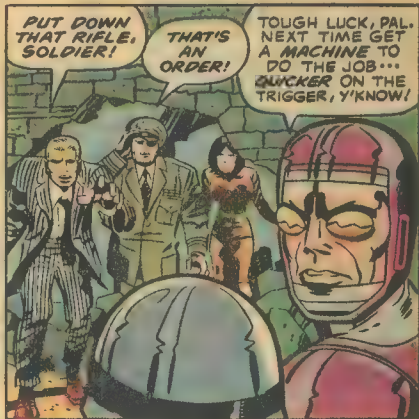
INSTANT HYPNOTISM, IN YOUR TERMS! IN MINE IT WAS SOMETHING DIFFERENT!

IT SURE WORKED FAST! DIDN'T TAKE MORE'N SECONDS!



THERE ARE THINGS A MACHINE CAN DO WHICH OUTSTRIP HUMAN ABILITIES!

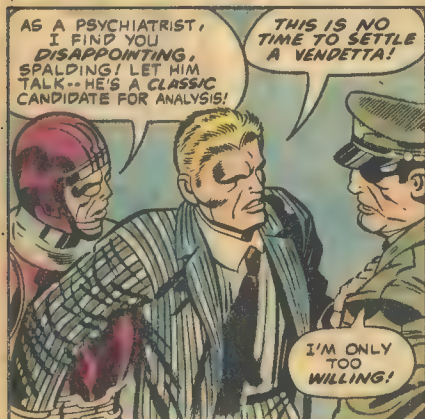
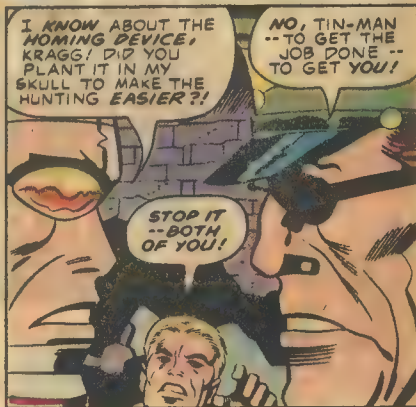
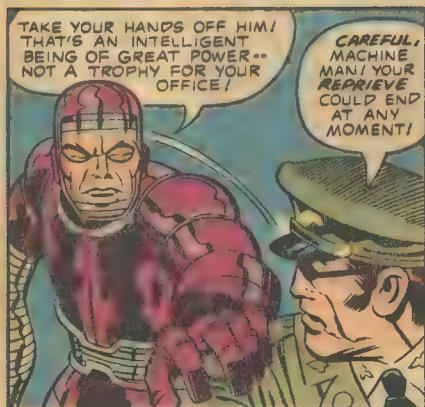
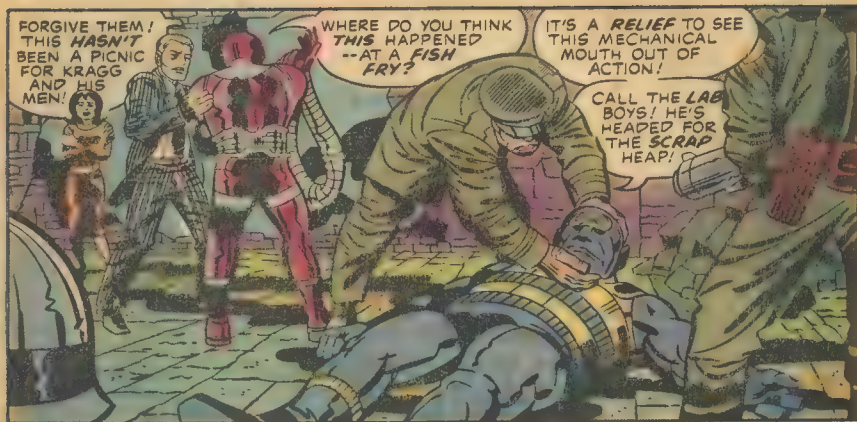
WE'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU TWO-LEGGED JUKE-BOXES!

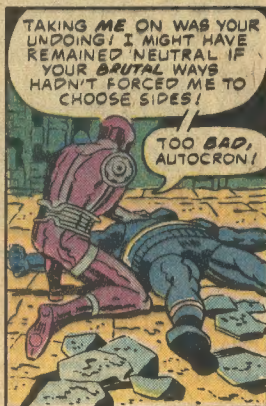


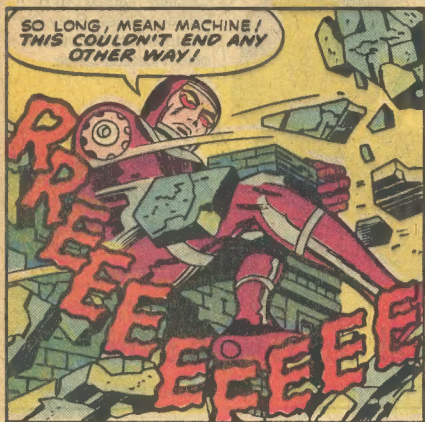
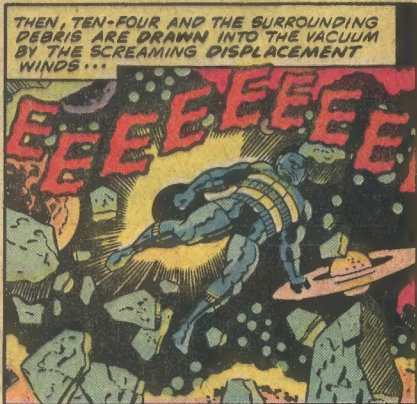
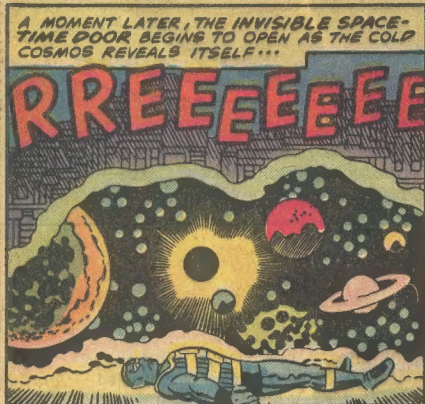
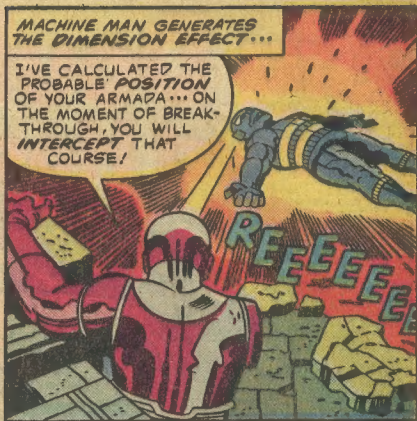
PUT DOWN THAT RIFLE, SOLDIER!

THAT'S AN ORDER!

TOUGH LUCK, PAL. NEXT TIME GET A MACHINE TO DO THE JOB... QUICKER ON THE TRIGGER, Y'KNOW!







MEANWHILE, THE INVASION FLEET CROSSES THE ORBIT OF THE PLANET JUPITER...

ALERT ALL ASSAULT TEAMS, THE TARGET WILL SOON BE IN RANGE!

STAND BY FOR FIRING ORDERS!

THIS IS CRUISER M5174-- AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT HAS APPEARED ON OUR FLIGHT PATH!

GUARDSHIPS ARE ADVISED TO CHECK IT FOR DANGER POTENTIAL!

IT'S STRANGE THAT IT WASN'T PICKED UP BEFORE THIS!

THE OBJECT IS AN AUTOCRON! HE'S ADRIPT IN SPACE!

HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

THERE IS A BABBLE OF CONFUSED MESSAGES AS TEN-FOR MOVES IN AMONG THE SPACESHIPS...

SCATTER! SCATTER! OUR ANALYZERS REPORT HE'S ABOUT TO FISSION!

THE WARNING IS GIVEN TOO LATE! TEN-FOR ERUPTS LIKE A GIANT NOVA WHICH SUDDENLY TERMINATES AN ALIEN BID FOR THE CONQUEST OF EARTH...



NEXT:

WILL THE PEOPLE SAVE THE HERO...WHO SAVED THE PEOPLE??

**AMERICA
VERSUS
MACHINE
MAN!**



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